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Alternative facts I could have used

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

Like many people, I'm completely stunned regarding the Trump team's use of the term "alternative facts." Mostly, I'm stunned that I didn't think of this in Grade 5 when I needed it most. Had I invented this term back then, I might have been able to get myself out of some fairly tough situations.

Here are 10 alternative facts I could have used back then:

1. I plan on turning my homework in after the audit.
2. Dad, trust me, this report card was the best! The teacher said it was incredible! Huge marks!
3. To my brother: You will build a great wall in the basement and our sister will pay for it!
4. I asked her to go to a movie with me and then we agreed for her to stand me up.
5. Grownups are stealing our jobs!
6. I didn't rip the knees out of my pants, Mom. I created pants around these holes.
7. The class president election was rigged. Some Grade 4 voters were registered in Grade 5 classes.
8. Trust me, Mom, I don't need to go to school every day. I am very smart.
9. The people writing those report cards are the most dishonest people I have ever seen.
10. Believe me, I have the highest IQ of anyone in the history of this skool.

Noise at work can result in hearing loss

Do you know how old your ears are? The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) is encouraging you to find out how your hearing compares to the average person at toneitdown.ca.

The website is part of the WSIB's new awareness campaign to encourage people to make healthy changes to protect their hearing health, and reduce their exposure to hazardous noise levels at work.

Between 2006 and 2015, almost 30,000 people – close to the population of Orillia – had an allowed Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) claim. This accounted for about 23 per cent of all allowed occupational disease claims and the condition was completely preventable.

"Unlike cuts and bruises, NIHL happens gradually, is rarely painful, and often takes years of exposure to develop," said Tom Teahen, WSIB president and CEO. "Damage that starts early in life usually isn't noticed until years down the road, so it's something most of us don't think about until it's too late. But once hearing loss occurs, it's permanent."

The bottom line is that noise at work can result in hearing loss and you should protect yourself. NIHL is the only type of hearing loss that's completely preventable. To avoid damage to your hearing, it's as simple as using earplugs.

In addition to the toneitdown.ca website, the campaign utilizes online videos to illustrate the impact hearing loss could have.

"Our goal is to encourage everyone to factor hearing protection into their safety practices at work," said Teahen. "If you understand the dangers of noise, you can protect your hearing for life."

Harmful noise levels start as low as 85 decibels – that's the equivalent of the noise in a busy restaurant. If you need to raise your voice to be heard, then the noise level around you is high enough to cause hearing loss. If you're exposed over a long period of time, your hearing will likely be affected later in life.

Quick Facts:

- NIHL is a permanent loss of hearing, usually in both ears, resulting from inner ear damage due to prolonged, continuous or intermittent hazardous noise exposure.
- 51 per cent of workers were 65 years of age or older when diagnosed with NIHL.
- The top two sectors with allowed NIHL claims over the last 10 years are: manufacturing (26 per cent) and construction (15 per cent).
- Male workers accounted for 95 per cent of allowed NIHL claims.

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Minden Hills cultural events – what 2017 offers

If the drudgery of the winter months is starting to take its toll, remember the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, is open year round. Currently two exhibitions are available: *Eclipsed* and *Elements*. The first involves work from the permanent collection, by André Lapine, and the second juried pieces by local artists.

For the coming months there are inspiring and thought-provoking exhibitions scheduled each month. In June, for example, there will be a double exhibition of work that involves fibre arts. Kate Carder-Thompson and Kimberly Tucker have created a series of work that uses embroidery, felt, textiles and mixed media. The works are both sculptural and painterly. In July, an interactive exhibition, by John Notten, is challenging. Notten explores the concept of the tent; praising its amazing engineering and versatility, from a way to "conquer" nature to absolute necessity for survival by refugees in tent cities.

In the month of February, the centre will be defying the winter cold with the annual Fire and Ice event. On Feb. 19, join in the adult only fun with specialty drinks, local foods and challenging games. Keep warm by the giant bonfire and dance to rockin' tunes. Some of the specialty drinks include scotch, cognac, craft beer and wine. Scotches being offered are Aberlour A'Bunadh Scotch Whisky, Talisker 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Auchentoshan Three Wood Lowland Single Malt, Glengoyne 12 Year Old Highland Single Malt Scotch, Tullibardine Sauternes 225 Finish Single Malt. The cognac being offered is Martell Medallion VSOP Cognac. Local restaurants (Dominion, Molly's, Norm's Smokehouse, etc.) will have a selection of tasty food for attendees to try after which they are to vote for their favourite. Win the "Best Dressed Hoser!" prize. This event is held in and out of doors. Tickets are available now or at the door.

Further into the year the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village will be opening the Victoria Day weekend. The village will be offering ongoing living history activities from the turn of the century. Many operating artifacts will be available for visitors to try, providing hands-on experiences of everyday tasks. Time period, costumed staff will be on hand to show visitors how early settlers lived. The highlights this year for the museum are two. First, is the exhibition in the Sterling Bank titled *Canada: My Home*. This exhibition is in honour of Canada's 150th Anniversary and reveals the lives of a number of immigrants that arrived in Minden in 1867. The second highlight is a new youth day camp, for July and August, aptly titled *1910 Day Camp* where children do "daily chores" while learning the clever ways early settlers managed to live without modern amenities.

April will be Nature's Place official start to its season. The programming continues to promote the unique features of Haliburton County's ecology. Expanding on the number of interactive, digital programs and activities, visitors can explore the concerns and successes of local groups as they work to conserve this area. Educational information and locally created videos help to inform visitors about the challenges the environment is now facing. A new feature is the interactive Myth Buster Wall that will help dispel and enlighten people by a collective "post-it" option.

A new educational component starting this year as well is the Turtle Tunnel Module, an interactive multi-layered construct that illustrates how the turtle tunnel works. Accurate to the actual tunnel in Gelert, this module is accompanied with important facts and videos about the turtles in Haliburton County and the reasons as to why they are on the endangered species list.

2017 will be dedicated to bees. A concentrated effort will be made to help visitors understand the need to protect bees, as some species have also been added to the endangered species list.

On May 27, mark your calendars, as Nature's Place will be hosting a Giant Green Garage Sale where interested persons can purchase a 10x10 space for $10 to sell their items. Also on June 3, Nature's Place will be presenting a Green Home Show where one can find all the information about how to make your residence a more efficient, green living space.

A unique connection between the Minden Hills Museum and Nature's Place will be explored as commonalities and possible solutions are presented — learning from the past to better the future.

Canada Day is always a big event in Minden. This year the centre is thrilled to present David Archibald who will be kicking off the day with Canadian music.

The centre will also continue with its many gardens, including the 1 to 3 Youth Garden. The museum will be harvesting from the gardens this year. Visitors can watch and learn about preserving, drying herbs and creating tasty dishes from fresh produce.

This is just touching on some of the events. There are many more. All events are listed on the website www.mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre with dates and times. Becoming a member is the best way to stay up to date as you will receive quarterly newsletters and weekly eblasts.

If you think it might be great fun (and it is) to volunteer at the centre, please contact Ruth O'Connell at 705-285-3154. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in the town of Minden.

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Highlands residents Maria Perrin and Karen Koehler represented Canada at the 2017 IFSS World Championships at Haliburton Forest. Perrin, a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student, is a world championships rookie and competed in the junior skijoring race while Koehler, the championship veteran, competed in various skijoring events.

The Canadian team was all smiles before the opening ceremonies at the 2017 International Federation of Sleddog Sports World Championships at Haliburton Forest on Monday, Jan. 23.

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Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums started the evening at the Haliburton Legion with the opening set during Robbie Burns Night Jan. 21. JENN WATT Staff

Lacey MacDonald-Moore, 12, leapt across the floor of the Legion during the Highland dancing portion of the evening. Robbie Burns Night is a celebration of Scottish culture and included dancing, bagpipes, fiddling, haggis and scotch tasting. JENN WATT Staff

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Apply for this year's music festival

The Haliburton Highlands Music Festival takes place April 20 to 22 this year. Musicians of all ages are welcome to participate. You can find the syllabus and application form online at http://elainebell.ca/haliburton-highlands-music-festival/.

Applications are due no later than Feb. 27. Mail them, along with the application fee, to June Smith, as noted on the application form.

Guy Few will be the adjudicator for all festival classes this year, and everyone will benefit from his expertise and the encouragement that he will offer.

You can keep current with festival news by following the festival on our Facebook page – Haliburton Highlands Music Festival.

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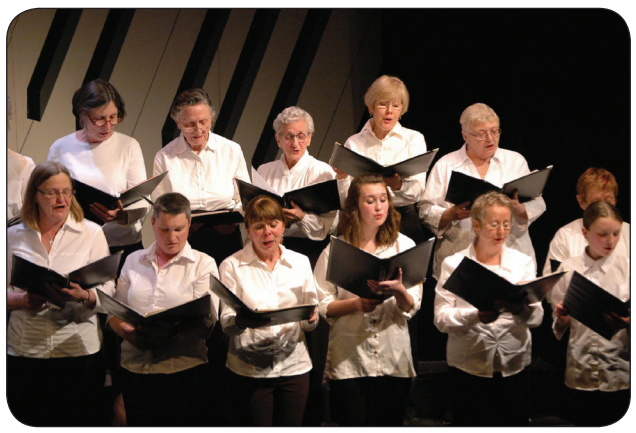
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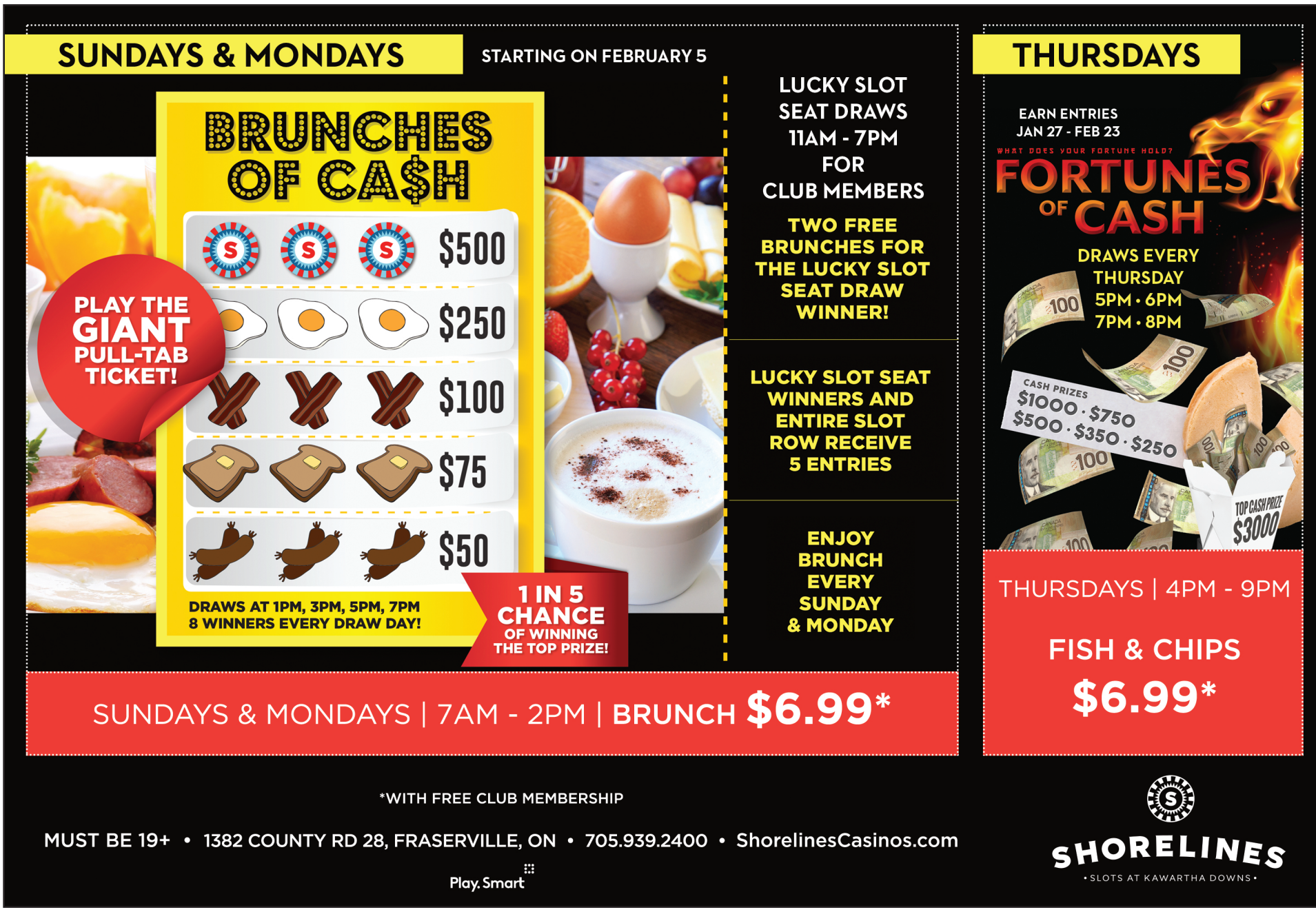
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Oh Canada at Rails End

By Chad Ingram

There is a certain patriotic panache to the latest exhibition at Haliburton's Rails End gallery.

Oh Canada, this year's members' exhibition, is a colourful ode to the country's sesquicentennial anniversary in media from painting to pottery to photography.

Community members packed the gallery for an opening reception Jan. 21.

"I can't thank you enough for what you contribute to the community," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

The event was also a celebration of renovations to the gallery's kitchen and storage area, which were completed thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey recalled the initial renovation of the building from a railway station to an art gallery in 1978.

"Ever since that time, there's been nothing but progress here," Fearrey said.

Oh Canada is shows until March 19.

Huw Morgan stands with one of his photos at the opening of members' exhibition *Oh Canada* at the Rails End gallery on Jan. 21.

Lots of landscapes at the *Oh Canada* members' exhibition, on at Haliburton's Rails End gallery until March 19. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Harnessing the Elements at AJG

By Chad Ingram

"'Element,' has many meanings," said Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount at the opening reception of new exhibition, *Elements*, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last week. "Basically, it means the aspect of something essential."

Artists work with the elements – water, fire, earth, air – all the time to create their work, but could not some of that work, especially the utilitarian kind, also be considered essential?

In a society that has long sucked up non-renewable resources and gravitated to the purchase of inexpenive, mass-produced, disposable wares, Carmount wonders if Westerners have reached a tipping point, where they will begin to forgo factory-forged products in favour of those that, while more expensive, are handmade, unique and often, more durable.

"I wonder if maybe we're at a point now, where we can say 'yes' to a hand-made, Canadian utensil," Carmount said. "People would hold onto their things much longer and would cherish them."

From pottery to jewelry to carved pieces, Elements features the work of local artists Greg Gillespie, Renee Woltz, Susanne James, Alex Casper, Sheila Ziman and Lauretta Peters.

Gillespie's piece, Startled, is a depiction of a duck and muskrat parting ways, carved from black walnut. It earned him a third-place at an international carving competition last year.

Elements shows until Feb. 25.

Master carver Greg Gillespie with his work, Startled, which depicts a duck and muskrat parting ways. The piece, which earned Gillespie a third-place finish at world carving championships last year, is part of the Elements exhibition, on until Feb. 25 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Greg Gillespie's black walnut carving, Startled.

This ceremonial vessel is the work of weaver Sheila Ziman.

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UPCOMING

Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Upcoming Events

Winter Tracks & Signs

When: Saturday, Feb. 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Where: Nature's Place, Minden (Bobcaygeon Rd, just behind the library)
Please register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this fun workshop. Dress for the weather.
Cost : Admission by donation.
Leader: Wildlife Biologist Irene Heaven, Education Coordinator of Abbey Gardens.

Places for People, Annual Bowl-a-thon

When: Saturday February 4th, 2017, 12:30 p.m.
Where: The Fast Lane, 12281 Hwy. 35, Minden, ON
Funds fund raised will help to provide affordable rental housing for people at risk of homelessness in Haliburton County.
For more information or to register, visit our Bowl-a-thon eventbrite webpage (http://bit.ly/2jyDr7F) or email us at info@placesforpeople.ca

Minden & District Horticultural Society - Potluck Lunch

When: Sat. Feb. 4, 2017, Social: 11:30 am, Lunch: Noon
Where: Minden United church
Please bring your own plate, cutlery, cup and serving spoon
minden@gardenontario.org

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic,

When: Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Valentine's Dinner & Dance and Silent Auction

Coming Together in Love & Support For Parker Simpson
When: Sat. Feb. 11 at 6 pm
Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton
Tickets $25.00/person
Tickets available from Brianne Pockett, Marita Bagshaw, Brandi Hewson, Courtney Wilson, and Britney Rock. All event details can be found on Facebook.

Polar Bear Challenge, Sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club

When: Sat. February 18, 2017 Haliburton Frost Festival
Where: Head Lake Park, Polar Dip Venue
Registration: 10:00 - 12:00, Event Starts: 1:00 pm
Pledge forms available at : Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, Todds Independent Grocers and West guilford Shopping Centre or on the website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburton/index.php
All proceeds to SickKids Music Therapy Program or Haliburton Hospital Health Services Foundation

Come One, Come All to the Annual Community Chili-fest

When: February 20, 2017 (Family Day)
Sponsored By the Bancroft Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Cardiff Community Centre
4:00 pm – Chili Contest – Judging by Local Dignitaries (categories include mild and hot)
4:30 pm – Chili Tasting – bread and drinks provided
Bring your family, your appetite, and your best chili to be judged and to share with others.
For more information or contest pre-registration please call or email
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Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce

PRO – Jan SIMON February 2nd – February 9th

Friday	Pool 1:30pm Ham & Scalloped 5-7pm Jam Session 7:30pm
Saturday	Meat Draw 2pm Early Bird 3pm Sharp
Monday	Bid Euchre 7:00pm come out and learn – beginners welcome
Wednesday	Fun Darts 7:30pm

Upcoming Events
It's Official – Wing nights will be the 2nd and 4th Friday's each month plus 5th night when applicable
Come out and enjoy delicious wings and great music with friends 6:30-9:00pm
Saturday, February 11th, Valentines Dance 9pm to close – DJ Dale Allison – spot prizes.

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays:	Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays:	Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays:	Bid Euchre 1 pm start Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays:	General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm. All members urged to attend Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays:	Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Darts	Friday fun darts - 4:30pm onwards
Saturdays:	50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays:	Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 am – 1 pm. $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129... everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541

Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time.
Upcoming Events:
Please listen to local radio regarding our special Saturday events.

Branch 441 Kinmount

PRO Raquel Linton 705-488-3191

Mondays:	Seniors cards, pot luck lunch 1230 followed by Bid Euchre Family Fun Bingo 630pm Children & Adult fun and All welcome!
Wednesday:	Summer Drop In Darts
Fridays:	Bingo 6:45 all welcome $300 Must Go Jackpot
Saturdays:	5pm Meat Draw

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EVENT STARTS: 1:00 PM

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For information call Jim Frost 705-457-4031

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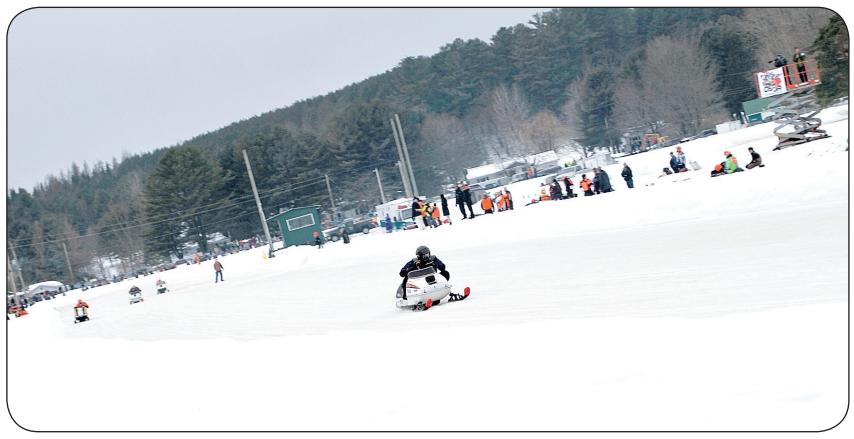

Vintage snowmobiles race in Minden

Spectators line the ice track at the Minden fairgrounds for snowmobile racing Jan. 21.

Above right, a participant cheers on other competitors during snowmobile races at the ice track at the Minden fairgrounds on Jan. 21.

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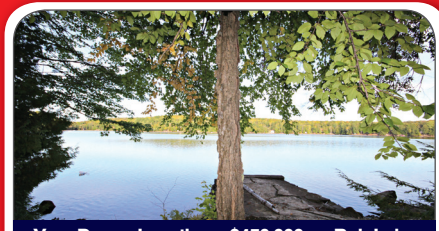

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The program is funded by the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat and supported by HHHS and Alzheimer Journey of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton. The Studio is a proud part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative.

For further information contact Stella at **705-457-4524**
Or info@openartsstudio.ca

Visible Voices Open Arts Studio, 130 Industrial Park Road, Unit 5, Haliburton, Ontario
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Haliburton County Community Cooperative

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Let people know about your event. Send it in to our FREE community events listing in the Haliburton Echo, Minden Times and County Life. Email the basics to Pat Lewis: classifieds@haliburtonpress.com or call us at 705-457-1037.

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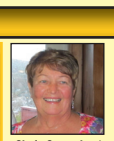

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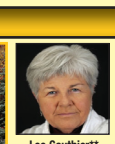

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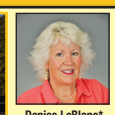

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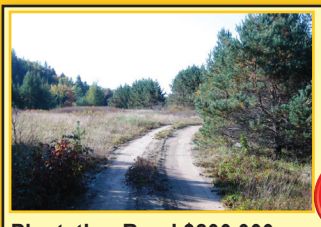

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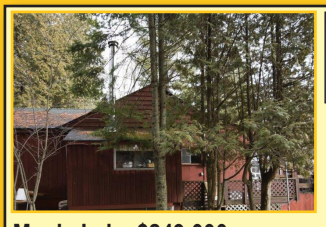

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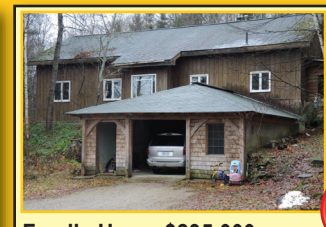

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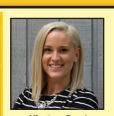

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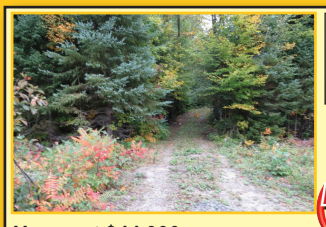

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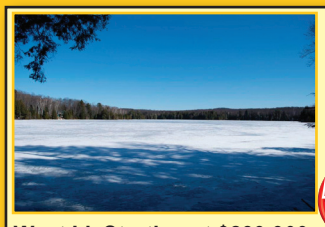

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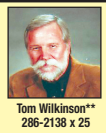

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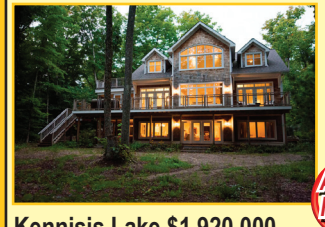

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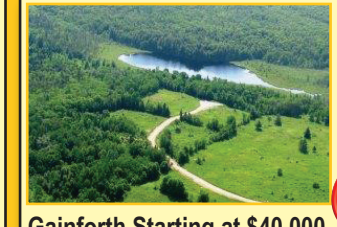

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Fruit trees entice bear into town

by Jerry Grozelle

Forget the beware of dog sign, Minden resident Grace Dixon should have had a beware of bear sign in the front yard. A yearling black bear decided to dine on the cherries in the tree in her front yard on North Water Street September 3. Ed Pergolas, who lives near the end of North Water Street, reported seeing a bear later the same day.

Sightings of black bears throughout the area have been much higher than usual this summer. Bart Hilhorst, a resources technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources, says he has received about 70 reports of bear sightings since late May.

"It has been pretty steady all summer long," Hilhorst said.

He noted that bear sightings early in the summer are not uncommon, but by this time of year, the number of sightings usually decreases dramatically.

"They go wherever there's food," Hilhorst said, adding, "There were no berries this year."

Hilhorst said it was a dry summer so the crop of natural food such as blueberries, raspberries, thimble berries and others was virtually nonexistent. Being opportunists, bears turn to where food is available and if that happens to be a cherry tree in someone's front yard, or a garbage container behind the house, some black bears aren't shy about their eating habits.

Back yard garden sheds and roadside containers won't deter a hungry bear. With a keen sense of smell, a bear can smell garbage from quite a distance.

Hilhorst said there have been no serious encounters between bears and people, but he warns that a sow with cubs can be very dangerous.

"You have to have a lot of respect for these animals; they are very powerful."

By plotting the location of calls, he has been able to follow the course a particular bear has taken.

"It's amazing the number of bears I've been able to track just by telephone calls," Hilhorst said.

Over the course of the summer, nine bears have been live trapped and relocated as far as 30 to 40 miles from where they were caught. But Hilhorst said it isn't unusual for an animal to make its way back to its home territory -- especially an older bear. Younger bears, he said, are more likely to remain in the area where the are released.

A bear was live-trapped in Kinmount last week.

Hilhorst says he hasn't been forced to destroy any bears this season, but he knows of at least three nuisance bears that have been killed by property owners.

"Nobody wants to see them get killed," he said. "The sightings aren't because there are more bears, it's just because they are more visible this year."

Bear with us

Clambering through the upper reaches of a cherry tree in search of food, a yearling bear, above, surveyed the spectators, left, who gathered to watch him dine last Wednesday.

See page five for some tips on avoiding black bear encounters and what to do if you should meet one.

Local DHC will be amalgamated with Durham

by Jack Brezina

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Council (HKPRDHC) was caught off guard by an announcement Thursday that the four-county health service co-ordinating body would be forced to merge with the Durham Region District Health Council. In-coming chair of the local council, Doris Brick of Ennismore, said she was upset and angry about the unexpected announcement and intended to fight the issue.

"This is not good news for our district," Brick said in an interview on Friday. "The area we serve has nothing in common with Durham. While HKPRDHC is most rural, the Durham region is GTA- (Greater Toronto Area) oriented. Combining the two just doesn't make any sense."

The Thursday announcement by the Ministry of Health was part of a province-wide move to reduce the number of DHCs from 33 to 14. The six DHCs within the central east region were reduced to three. The other two will combine Simcoe and York; and Metro Toronto and Peel DHCs.

The incoming chair is not only concerned about the difference between Durham and HKPR. Brick noted that the local council has been working to create an integrated district-wide health care system. Much of that effort has been focused on the redevelopment of the two hospitals in Peterborough and the alignment of outlying hospitals with this concept in mind. "Many of our plans are just starting to come together," Brick said. "We have just completed the hospital restructuring study for Peterborough in anticipation of the visit of the provincial restructuring commission. This latest announcement changes the basis on which those plans were created."

Brick pointed out the District Health Council wasn't just working on hospital planning. "We have been addressing all sectors of health services, emergency, mental health, in-home services, support services, healthy community initiatives, co-ordinating community-wide health service integration such as the Haliburton County model or Coburg/Port Hope effort. What happens to all these, many rural-based, initiatives," she asked, "when they become part of this larger DHC?" Answering her own question, she suggested that many of them will become "lost" as the concerns for the urban issues capture the attention of the board members. She expressed concern as well for the many volunteers across the district who have

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